



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Emergency Exemption; Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance/emergency issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we found that (1) The application was filed in good faith, (2) The granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species,

and (3) The granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

A. Endangered Species

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application <i>Federal Register</i> notice	Permit issuance date
68465B	Tanganyika Wildlife Park	80 FR 73207; November 24, 2015	April 5, 2016
10836A	University of Michigan	81 FR 791; January 7, 2016	March 21, 2016
80482B	Duke Lemur Center	81 FR 2899; January 19, 2016	April 19, 2016
79093B	Kinsey Robinson	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 22, 2016
81613B	William Parks	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 22, 2016
85776B	Scott Linter	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 22, 2016
82278B	William Perrine	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 28, 2016
82246B	Santa Barbara Zoo	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	April 18, 2016
83947B	Harry Peterson	81 FR 8093; February 17, 2016	March 21, 2016
86982B	Cynthia Lagueux, University of Florida	81 FR 8093; February 17, 2016	March 28, 2016
69024B	Yerkes National Primate Research Center	80 FR 62089, October 15, 2015; 81 FR 3452, January 21, 2016	May 2, 2016

B. Marine Mammals

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application <i>Federal Register</i> notice	Permit issuance date
186914	Monterey Bay Aquarium	80 FR 62089; October 15, 2015	April 18, 2016
81843B	Indianapolis Zoological Society	81 FR 8093; February 17, 2016	April 18, 2016

C. Emergency Exemption

On May 2, 2016, the Service issued a permit (PRT-94614B) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austwell, Texas, to import four viable eggs from captive-bred whooping crane (*Grus americana*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This action was authorized under Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and viability of the whooping crane eggs existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for the following reason:

The Service's Whooping Crane Coordinator requested a permit to import these fertile eggs from the Calgary Zoo in Alberta, Canada, due to the ongoing 30-day comment period that their existing import permit (PRT-013808) was undergoing. Not being able to import these eggs by early May 2016 under their existing permit would cause undue hardship on the species recovery program, forcing Calgary Zoo to consider culling the eggs. If shipped, the eggs will be hatched and the chicks will be raised at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland, with the chicks ultimately being reintroduced into Southwest Louisiana as part of an ongoing recovery project.

Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281.

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